

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,915,345 to *Tummala et al.* (hereinafter *Tummala*).

In the Response dated March 27, 2006 Applicant argued that *Tummala*: a) does not disclose a home agent (HA) that stores information about a virtual private network (VPN) service for the mobile node (MN), b) does not disclose a foreign agent (FA) that transmits data to an Internet Service Provider (ISP) router of a FA network when receiving a VPN service request, and c) does not disclose an ISP server for IP tunneling between the ISP router of the FA and an ISP router of the VPN, all of which were claimed in Claims 1 and 4. In response, the Examiner alleged that as to point a), the location where the information is stored is not specified in the claims; as to point b), an ISP router is inherent to the communication, and the claims do not detail the communications between the FA and the ISP; and as to point c), all VPN's tunnel through ISP routers, so the VPN in *Tummala* reads on the claim language.

Regarding point a), it is noted that the recitation at issue here has been slightly amended to recite an HA "in which is stored" location information of an MN and information about the VPN service for the MN. It is respectfully asserted that there is no disclosure of this recitation at issue, as recited in Claims 1 and 4.

Regarding point b), it is respectfully asserted that the Examiner failed to respond to Applicant's argument in its totality, as the Examiner merely alleged that an ISP router is inherent to the communication. Applicant respectfully maintains the position that *Tummala* does not disclose a FA that transmits data to an ISP router "of a FA network when receiving a VPN service request", as

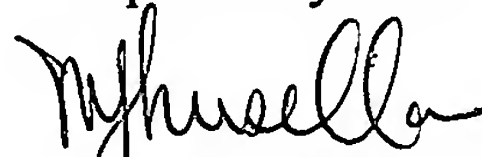
recited in Claims 1 and 4. It is noted that Claim 4 has been amended herein to include --receiving-- in this recitation at issue, as this word was mistakenly omitted from the claim recitation by a typographical error in the amendment dated May 13, 2005. This language in Claim 4 now reads identical to the corresponding recitation found in Claim 1.

Regarding point c), it is noted that the recitation at issue here has been amended to recite an ISP server positioned between the ISP router of the FA network and an ISP router of the VPN for tunneling between the ISP routers, to more clearly recite the positioning of the devices in this recitation. It is respectfully asserted that there is no disclosure of this aforementioned recitation at issue, as recited in Claims 1 and 4. In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's § 102(e) rejection of Claims 1-8 is incorrect, and should be withdrawn. Withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1 and 4 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Additionally, without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3 and 5-8, these are likewise believed to be allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-8, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted



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